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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Peter C. Card, Jr., 48, of Barrington, Rhode Island, pleaded guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court in Madison to a charge of mail fraud. The sentencing hearing for Card is scheduled for June 19, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. before Chief Judge Barbara B. Crabb. Card faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

The indictment alleged that Card assisted Scott Eric Rosenstiel and devised a scheme to defraud the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) - Division of Motor Vehicles, by fraudulently registering out-of-state vehicles in Wisconsin. The scheme was advertised on the Internet by Rosenstiel. Individuals who wanted to fraudulently register an out-of-state vehicle in Wisconsin would contact Rosenstiel on the Internet and pay a fee for the service. Rosenstiel, assisted by Card, then obtained the necessary information relating to the vehicle.

To conceal the scheme, the title to the vehicle was transferred to a fictitious charitable organization. Card and Rosenstiel then mailed to DOT an application for registration and licensing of the vehicle, falsely representing to DOT that the owner was a charitable organization; that the owner resided at a particular address in the State of

Wisconsin; and that the vehicle was being kept in a particular county in the State of Wisconsin. Based upon the fraudulent representations, DOT mailed the registration and license plates for the vehicle to a commercial mail receiving agency which was established by Rosenstiel in Marshfield, Wisconsin, for the purpose of providing a Wisconsin address for the fictitious charitable organization.

Rosenstiel was sentenced on February 23, 2007, to four months in custody and ordered to pay a \$4,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

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